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21. (Twice Amended) A headrest assembly for connecting a headrest to a seat frame, the headrest assembly comprising:

a headrest guide attached to the seat frame and being formed as a single, unitary molded component having two, generally cylindrical sleeves, said sleeves being interconnected in a fixed parallel relationship with one another and each sleeve forming a channel wherein centerlines of each channel are parallel with respect to one another; and

a headrest insert having two generally parallel rods, each rod fixed at one end with respect to the headrest insert and slidable at an opposite end with respect to one channel in the headrest guide.

REMARKS:

At the time of the final Office Action, claims 9, 11, 13 and 21-27 were pending. Claim 22 stands allowed and claims 26 and 27 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 9, 11, 13, 21 and 23-25 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 9 and 21 have been amended. Claims 9, 11, 13 and 21-27 remain pending in the subject application.

Allowance of claim 22 is noted. Since claims 26 and 27 already depend from claim 22, claims 26 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 9, 11, 13, 21 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Izuno et al. Claims 9, 11, 21 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallis. Claims 9, 11, 21 and 23-25 stand rejected as being anticipated by Russell. These rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the cited references, claims 9 and 21 have been amended to further clarify what is claimed over the cited references. In particular, and in response to the Examiner's remarks on page 5 of the final Office Action, none of the cited references, either taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, among other things, a head rest guide being formed as a single, integrally molded unitary component having two, generally cylindrical interconnecting sleeves fixed in a rigid parallel relationship. Thus, claims 9 and 21 are allowable.